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- 1. EMBASSY WITH GREAT RELUCTANCE ACCEPTS DEPARTMENT DECISION TRANSMITTED REFTEL. EMBASSY WILL NOT, OF COURSE, PREVENT IRS OFFICERS FROM PARTICIPATING IN DEPOSITION.
- 2. EMBASSY CONCURRENCE IS BASED ON FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:
- --THAT COURT WULL BE REQUESTED TO AUTHORIZE CONSULAR OFFICER TO ADMINISTER OATHS AND OTHERWISE OFFICIATE DEPOSITIONER TAKING. ALTERNATIVELY, WE COULD ACCEPT AN OFFICIAL OF THE U.S. COURT SYSTEM TO PERFORM THIS DUTY.
- --THAT DEPOSITION BE TAKEN AT SOME TRULY "NEUTRAL" PLACE.
 EMBASSY PREPARED TO RESERVE A HOTEL SUITE FOR THIS PURPOSE IN ANY LARGE HOTEL (CARIARI, IRAZU, GRAN HOTEL COSTA
 RICA, ROYAL DUTCH, AMSTEL, EUROPA). ALTERNATIVELY, A
 "SALA" IN A COURT BUILDING CAN BE REQUESTED.
 EMBASSY CANNOT ACCEPT VENUE OF OFFICE OF ANY COSTA RICAN LAWYER
 OF SOME OTHER EMBASSY (AS VESCO LAWYERS
 ONCE PROPOSED FOR A 1976 SEC DEPOSITION).
- --THAT EMBASSY BE INFORMED OF ARRANGEMENTS CONFIDENTIAL

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WITH SUFFICIENT LEAD TIME TO INFORM FOREIGN MINISTRY AND TO OBTAIN ITS CONCURRENCE (AS REQUESTED BY FORMIN FACIO AND REPORTED IN SAN JOSE 539 AND 352).

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3. FOR THE RECORD, AND IN REFERENCE TO PARA 2 REFTEL, EMBASSY NOTES ONCE MORE FOR BOTH DEPARTMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE CONSIDERATION, THAT OUR OBJECTION TO DEPOSITION-TAKING AWAY FROM EMBASSY IN THIS CASE HAS TO DO PRIMARILY WITH HOW VESCO AND ACCOMPLICES MAY USE THIS PRECEDENT AGAINST US IN ANY FUTURE EXTRADITION ATTEMPT, I.E., TO BOLSTER THE "POLITICAL PERSECUTION" AGRUMENT.

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